A PROCLAMATION

Concerning the Payment of the Watch-Money by the Citizens of Edinbrugh.

FORASMUCH, as the Magiſtrates and Council of *Edinburgh*, for the Eaſe and Conveniency of the Neighbours and Inhabitants of this City, has raiſed an Company of Foot Souldiers' by vertue of a Commiſſion from the Kings moſt Sacred Majeſty for Guarding thereof, and which Company is now actuallyupon *D*uty; And ſeeing in order to their Payment, there has been great pains and care taken by them to make a Liſt of the whole Inhabitants lyable to Watching: and a certain ſmall Sum weekly to be payed by the perſons contained in the ſaid Liſt, which are now put in the hands of the Conſtables, to be Collected by them within their reſpective Bounds; and whereupon, there is an Act of the Town Council made, the twelfth day of *July* laſt by paſt, which is likewiſe approven by the Kings Majeſty. And the ſaid Magiſtrates and Council conſidering, That the ſaids Souldiers has been ſom time upon Service, and that it will take likewayes ſometime for the Conſtables to Ingather and Collect the ſaid Watch-mony, and to the effect that the Inhabitants lyable in payment thereof, may have timeous warning to pay in to the ſaids Conſtables their reſpective *P*roportions. Therefore, the ſaids Magiſtrates, did ordain, one of the Officers of the ſaid Town of *Edinburgh* To command and charge, in Our *S*overaign Lords Name, and in name and behalf of the Lord Provoſt, Baliffs, and Council of this Burgh, that each of the Inhabitants and Neighbours within the ſame, contained in the reſpective Liſts, whereof, the Conſtables has an Authentick double ſubſcribed by the Magiſtrates, that they pay in to the reſpective Conſtables within their Bounds, a Months Watch-ſilver, which begins from the 24th of *Auguſt* laſt, (upon which day the ſaid Company entered upon *D*uty) and that at, or before the ſeventh day of *September* Inſtant, and Monthly thereafter in time coming upon the firſt lawful day of each Month: Certifying all ſuch perſons whoſe Names are contained in the ſaids Liſts, and who doe not make punctual *P*ayment of their reſpective *P*roportions, and that Monthly, as ſaid is, that they ſhall be poinded to the double value of their ſaids Months *P*roportion; *D*eclaring, that the *P*oinds taken for payment of the ſaids Watch-mony, ſhall not be reſtored unleſs Redeemed upon *P*ayment the very next day after the poinding: As likewiſe, with Certification, that thoſe perſons who ſhall be refractory in *P*ayment of their ſaid Watch-mony, that they ſhall be lookt upon and holden as Contemners of *A*uthority, and accordingly ſhall be puniſhed in their perſons. And to the effect the Conſtables may attend carefully upon their *D*uty in receiving of the ſaid Watch-mony, they are hereby diſcharged from going forth of this Burgh unleſs they lay down ſome ſolid Way for *P*ayment in their abſence, of the *P*roportions of Watch-mony payable by the Inhabitants within their reſpective Bounds: Certifying the ſaids Conſtables who doe in the contrair, that their Houſes ſhall be poinded to the double value of the Watch-mony contained in their Liſts. *A*nd ordains this preſent *P*roclamation to be Intimat at the Mercat Croſs of this City by ſound of Trumpet, and the ſame to be printed, that none may pretend Ignorance Given at *Edinburgh*, *September 1ſt.* 1682.

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God ſave the King.

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